

JOURNEY TO COLLEGE

AN ACADEMIC CALENDAR VIEW

August

- ☐ Think about your desired career. Decide which school is the best fit.
- ☐ Request admissions information.
- ☐ Check out the websites for your top school choices.
- ☐ Register for an ACT and/or SAT.
- ☐ Sign up for the MDHE Journey to College Monthly Student Reminder emails.

October

- ☐ Take the ACT and/or SAT.
- ☐ Complete admissions applications.
- ☐ Go on college visits.
- ☐ Meet with faculty and students while visiting the campuses.
- ☐ Finalize portfolios, auditions, writing samples, etc.
- ☐ Attend college fairs.

December

- ☐ Research and apply for local and private scholarships.
- ☐ Develop a financial plan to pay for college.
- ☐ Seek out financial aid or FAFSA completion workshops in your area.

February

- ☐ Attend a FAFSA Frenzy event; visit dhe.mo.gov/ppc/fafsa_completion.php to find a site near you.
- ☐ Research taking Advanced Placement (AP) or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.
- ☐ Rank your top schools.
- ☐ Ask your counselor to send transcripts to your top schools.

April

- ☐ Don't forget that your FAFSA is due by April 1 to qualify for the Access Missouri Financial Assistance program.
- ☐ Watch for acceptance letters and financial aid awards. Review, sign and return appropriate forms.
- ☐ Make any deposits required for your chosen school.

June

- ☐ Plan for college orientation, transportation and housing.
- ☐ Follow up with the financial aid office at your new college to ensure all paperwork is complete.



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For more information, order a "Planning & Paying for College" packet at www.dhe.mo.gov/publications.html.

September

- ☐ Write admissions essays.
- ☐ Mark your calendar with admissions, financial aid and other deadlines.
- ☐ Ask counselors, teachers, and employers to write you recommendation letters.
- ☐ Click "Like" at www.facebook.com/journeytocollege or follow www.twitter.com/Journey2College.

November

- ☐ Attend planning and paying for college workshops.
- ☐ Follow up to ensure letters of recommendation are sent.
- ☐ Find out which forms you need for financial aid at the schools you're interested in.

January

- ☐ Ask your parents to file their tax forms as early as possible.
- ☐ Fill out and submit your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov.
- ☐ Watch for housing and other school deadlines.
- ☐ Check out www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/fafsa_completion.php to find a FAFSA Frenzy site near you.

March

- ☐ Submit tax transcripts or other verification forms to the financial aid office if requested.
- ☐ Go on campus visits and finalize your school decision.
- ☐ Watch for your Student Aid Report (SAR) after you file your FAFSA. Check for mistakes and make any corrections online as soon as possible.
- ☐ Be sure to notify the schools you will not be attending.

May

- ☐ Finish any AP exams or projects.
- ☐ Finalize summer job plans and save a portion of your summer earnings.
- ☐ Prepare a realistic budget you can follow throughout college. Visit www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/studentloans/financialliteracy.php for assistance.

July

- ☐ Finalize move-in dates, housing, and transportation for the start of the fall semester.
- ☐ Be sure you are enrolled in the same number of credit hours as required for any scholarships or other financial aid awards.

